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Case CM1431

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :  
Jean Francois Bodet, et al. : Group Art Unit 1751  
Serial No. 09/341,979 : Examiner Greg DelCotto  
Filed July 21, 1999 :  
For DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS WITH IMPROVED :  
PHYSICAL STABILITY AT LOW TEMPERATURE :

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being timely filed. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims of the above-identified application as follows prior to the first Office Action and reconsideration in light of the following Remarks.

## AMENDMENTS

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5 and 7-10 without prejudice.

Please insert the following new Claims:

12. An aqueous liquid detergent composition comprising from 30% to 70% by weight of the total composition of water, and a surfactant mixture comprising:

a) an alkyl alkoxy sulfate surfactant of the formula  $R_1O(A)_xSO_3M$ , where  $R_1$  is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 9 to 16 carbon atoms, A is an alkoxy group, x represents 0.5 to 3 in average, and M is a member selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, alkali earth metals, ammonium and alkanolammonium, wherein from 20% to 60% by weight of the total alkyl alkoxy sulfate comprises an alkyl alkoxy sulfate wherein  $R_1$  is branched; and

b) an amine oxide surfactant.

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